(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of Special Tourism Areas

3331. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to develop Special Tourism Areas in collaboration with State Governments and private entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, what specific steps have so far been taken in this regard;

(c) whether views of concerned State Governments have been obtained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and areas identified for development of STAs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme to develop 'Special Tourism Areas' is yet to be finalised in consultation with the State Governments.

Proposal to declare tourism as an Industry

3332. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare tourism as an industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The Government of India have already included Hotels and Tourism related Industry in Annexure-III to the statement of Industrial Policy announced on 24th July, 1991.

Installation of navigational aids at airports in North Eastern Region

3333. Miss SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Airports Authority is implementing a phased programme for installation of navigational aids at the airports in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the status of navigational aids at various airports in North East Region is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 69]

Institution for imparting training to pilots

3334. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are running institutions for imparting training to flying pilots, directly or through any authorities/organisations;

(b) if so, what is the number of such institutions at present with their locations, the total number of pilots trained so far, in such institutions and the number of trained pilots out of them belonging to the SC/ST; and

(c) what are the total strength of the pilots in Indian Airlines/Air India etc. and the number of pilots belonging to the SC/ST communities at present, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Training for pilots is being imparted at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademy (IGRUA) at Fursatganj (U.P.) and 26 flying clubs in different parts of the country listed in the statement *(see below)*. The total number of pilots trained at IGRUA is 188 of whom